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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR:

SUBJECT: NIE 63-59: SINGAPORE - PROBLEMS AND PROSPECTS

1. This estimate was initiated as part of the regular estimates schedule, D-14.1/4, 7 July 1959, and was originally scheduled for completion in December 1959. Following the initiation of this estimate, the USIB directed that it be completed by 20 October so as to be available before NSC consideration of a Singapore policy paper.

2. There are no reservations to the text and we encountered no major differences during coordination of the estimate. The State representatives were inclined to a somewhat more optimistic presentation of Singapore's prospects over the next two years than that expressed in the text, and they have somewhat less confidence in UK intentions to maintain a British position in Singapore than we have.

FOR THE BOARD OF NATIONAL ESTIMATES:

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Robert Amory
Acting Chairman

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